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WEDNESDAY,
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CONCERT 8:00 PM
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ARVO PÄRT

Cantus in memory
of Benjamin Britten

CHRIS PAUL HARMAN

*Silver Threads
Among the Gold*

DOUGLAS SCHMIDT

*The Devil's Sweat**
(*Carbon Concerto*
for carbon cello and
orchestra)

JOHN CORIGLIANO

Symphony #1

ALEX PAUK
conductor

SHAUNA ROLSTON
cello

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Cantus is Pärt's tribute to a composer he greatly admired but never got the chance to meet.

A gramophone and a recording of a popular 19th century American song (*Silver Threads Among the Gold*) were among the few possessions novelist Joy Kogawa's family was permitted to keep when sent to an internment camp for Japanese Canadians during WWII.

Schmidt's work reflects on the unsettled mood of most people on the planet these days, but not in an overly dark way. Its title also hints at the challenges provided for Shauna whose carbon cello, supposedly, can be dropped from a plane in flight and not be damaged.

Profound feelings stirred in Corigliano, who lost many friends and colleagues to the AIDS epidemic, lead him to compose his transcendental *Symphony #1*, memorializing those he had lost or was losing.

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